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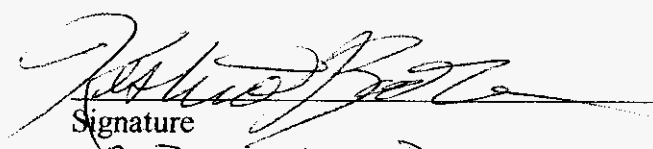
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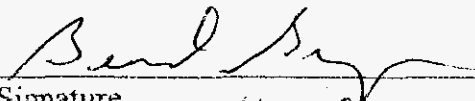
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Senator Jon Corzine  
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I support the People's Organization for Progress' position on reparations for the descendants of the African slave trade and I join them in calling upon you to state your position on this topic and to sponsor a senate version of the Conyers H.R. 40 reparations bill.

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Understand that I will not support anyone who refuses to acknowledge the righteousness of reparations for the victims of the African holocaust. Silence on this subject is not an option.

REPARATIONS NOW

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